ABSTRACT:

A sterilization indicator that yields immediate visual post sterilization evidence of attainment of sterilization parameters by the change of a chemical indicator and time verification of destruction of spores by subsequent culture and incubation of organisms comprises a transparent container containing a liquid culture medium containing viable spores, indicator means for indicating the presence of viable spores on incubation of the culture medium and a temperature indicator for example a meltable pellet for indicating that a required sterilization temperature has been reached.